16. Technology

Life in the 21st century is very much different from life 100 years ago. Nearly everything that we do is connected to technology. Even children have mobile phones and use computers.

Mobile phones are getting more and more popular, because they have a lot of different functions and they can make life easier. Mobile phones are much more useful than telephones, because if we have a mobile, we can use it wherever we are, not just at home. It's also important that we are always available if we have a mobile phone. For example, if someone from our family or friends needs our help, he or she can call or text us and it doesn't even take a lot of time or money. However, it isn't always polite to use our phones, for example in the cinema or theatre or when we are talking to someone. And also these appliances can be addictive and dangerous. For example people often use their phones while driving, which causes a lot of accidents.

I have a mobile phone and I often use it. I text my friends, surf the Net or watch YouTube videos.

Many people like using emails, because they are fast and cheap. You just open a browser, log in to your email account, type your letter and press the send button. However, if you want to send on ordinary letter, you have to put it into an envelope, write the addressee on it and take it to the post office and you also have to pay for it. I only use my e-mail, when I have to send an exercise to my teacher or when I order something from the Internet. However e-mail is really popular nowadays. I think it's usually used for sending formal letters, because if we only want to chat with our friends, we use Facebook or Skype, where we can also make video calls.

Young people like surfing on the Internet, because they use a lot of social networking sites, they can talk with their friends and there are a lot of videos on YouTube. Young people often watch youtubers, who make entertaining or educational videos. I watch youtubers too. But there are some disadvantages of it. There are a lot of dangerous people on the Internet and also viruses. Or if you use a social networking site and you talk with somebody, you can't be sure if the other person is telling the truth about their life. I prefer surfing on the Net, but I always try to use it carefully.